

October 2, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Interstate Brick Corp.  
Koosharem Mine  
Piute County, Utah  
ACT/031/002

This clay pit operation was inspected on September 14, 1978 by Mike Minder and Jim Smith of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining. They were met on-site by Mr. Jim McWilliams, an employee of Interstate Brick and were informed by Mr. McWilliams that reclamation of the area had just been accomplished and that Mr. Darrell Hintze of the U.S. Forest Service in Richfield had released Interstate Brick from any further liability. Mr. Don Fullmer, holder of the claims on Forest Service Land and the clay lease on State Land is now the responsible individual regarding the mining operation and any further reclamation.

The pits were not back-filled per Mr. Fullmer's request and subsequent approval by the Forest Service and verbal approval by the Division on August 31, 1978. However, the edges of the pits were rounded and the entire area was scarified, seeded, and dragged with the exception of one small area on Forest Service Land that still had several thousand tons of clay to be hauled away. Approximately 15 acres had been seeded with 600 pounds of seed mixture. Alfalfa and smooth brome were substituted for wild rye and Indian ricegrass due to unavailability. The balance of the mixture was the same as that in the reclamation plan. Mr. McWilliams was told that the Division should have been better informed of the situation by Interstate Brick so that we could have inspected the area prior to reclamation, not after the fact. He was also told that the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over State Land and therefore could not give Interstate Brick a clearance on said land. However, since Mr. Fullmer has plans to continue the operation, the reclamation work performed by Interstate Brick was satisfactory to the Division as long as the Division received a written statement from Interstate Brick detailing the situation, including a statement of clearance from the Forest Service and a statement from Mr. Fullmer accepting future responsibility and bonding for the area involved.

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